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Welcome to Linstead Hall

Dear 2024-25 Linsteadians,

Congratulations on your admission to Imperial College London! On behalf of the entire wardens team, I am writing to welcome you to Linstead Hall and to provide you with some additional information before your arrival.

Linstead is part of the Eastside development that opened in 2009, housing 140 students. We are located on the east side of Princes Gardens, very near the South Kensington Campus main entrance. Linstead is also located diagonally across the gardens from Ethos (the main Imperial College sports facility) and near the student union, and is above the Eastside Bar (ground floor of Eastside near the Linstead main entrance) and in the same block as the Essentials Shop. Many other Imperial College halls are within easy walking distance.

An Imperial College wardens team are in residence throughout the year to ensure that Linstead is a safe, equitable and fun place to live, while maintaining a suitable study environment for all residents. The wardens team comprises a warden, 3 subwardens (PhD students) and 6 hall seniors (undergraduate students who have been selected to live in halls for another year), who assist the wardens team in organising events and social activities, and in dealing with welfare and disciplinary matters. The wardens are all either members of academic staff or postgraduate students at Imperial College. The team is here to support the residents, organise social events and activities, and make sure Linstead and College rules are observed.

In advance of your arrival we have come up with some fun and interesting ways to help you meet each other and socialise, make friends and build community. Events begin on the move-in day, which is Saturday 28th September. Events will be advertised via our social media channels.

Please note the following:

- **Hall website:** Our web address is linstead.halls.imperial.ac.uk. Please bookmark this address now and check it for information about the hall. In addition to email, we use WhatsApp (main chat is chat.whatsapp.com/DhLMTLTtwhW91nC3qG3msj, floor-specific groups coming later via Hall Seniors) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/linsteadhall) to communicate with you. Please join these groups to meet your hall mates and team, and find out about upcoming events.

- **Upload your photo on Student eService:** Please upload your photo via your Student e-Service to complete your registration. You need to do this in order to receive your College ID when you arrive. Your card will be your 'key' in and out of the hall. The College is unable to issue your College ID card without your uploaded photo.
- **eHalls:** In addition to completing the eInduction via the College's Accommodation Hub, we also require you to register for Linstead in eHalls (ehalls.halls.imperial.ac.uk), a system that we use locally to prepare for your arrival and make life in halls easier for you. You are also required to upload your photo on eHalls, for identification purposes within the hall, although this feature is experiencing issues at the moment — please try, and if it does not work you can do it later once ICT have fixed the problem.
- **Smart clothing:** We hope at some point during the year to invite you to some more or less formal events, so smart attire may be useful (but by no means essential) to bring along if you have it!
- **Duty mobile:** From 18:00 on weeknights until 08:00 the following morning, and for the entirety of the weekend (from 18:00 on Friday until 08:00 on Monday), a member of the wardens team will carry a mobile phone, which you should call if you need us in an emergency (this does not include lockouts, see below). The number is **07590 250565**. Please save this number in your mobile phone now.
- **Lockouts:** We hope that you will quickly learn to keep your College ID card with you at all times, especially when leaving your bedroom, to go to your kitchen and do laundry, etc. Please use the lanyards that are provided with your College ID and keep it around your neck when you leave your room. Please do your utmost to avoid getting locked out of your room. If you do get locked out of your room, please consult the lockout posters that will be located on every level by the lift, or the information on our web site, instructing you on how to gain access to the building and/or your room via Weeks Building Security (**02075 898720**), the Hall Supervisors (**office in Gabor Hall entrance area**), or failing that, the Security Control Desk (**02075 948910**), depending on the day and time of the lockout.

There will be a **compulsory Welcome Talk** given by the warden on the move-in day at 7pm in Room 664 City and Guilds Building. We will remind you of this and send you further instructions on how to attend. Hall Seniors will be walking groups of students over to the venue.

You will be required to read and accept the Hall Rules as part of your eHalls registration. We will be providing you with further hall-specific information over the coming weeks, so please keep an eye on your email, our social media channels and the Linstead website.

I wish you a happy and successful time at Imperial, and an enjoyable time with us in Linstead Hall. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Yours faithfully,



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